

Order Number: 12-11-002

**UNITED STATES FOREST SERVICE  
TONTO NATIONAL FOREST  
PAYSON RANGER DISTRICT**

**FOSSIL CREEK ROAD PUBLIC SAFETY CLOSURE ORDER**

**PROHIBITIONS**

Pursuant to Title 36 CFR 261.50 (a) and (b), the following acts are prohibited on the areas, roads, and trails described in this order, all within the Payson Ranger District of the Tonto National Forest, Arizona; effective January 11, 2011, until rescinded or April 01, 2011 whichever comes first.

1. Using a motor vehicle on the road. 36 CFR 261.54(a)

**EXEMPTIONS**

Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.50 (c), the following persons are exempt from this order:

1. Persons with a permit specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or omission.
2. Any Federal, State, or local officer, or member of any organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty.
3. Persons engaged in a business, trade, or occupation in the area, who are authorized by the US Forest Service, the State of Arizona, or the County of Gila, its employees, agents, contractors and subcontractors.

**AREA DESCRIBED**

National Forest System Road 708, known as the "Fossil Creek Road" from immediately west of the intersection with National Forest Road 784, known as the "Fossil Springs Trailhead Road" and extending west and down to immediately east of the Waterfall Trailhead (Old Flume Trail Trailhead) as depicted in Attachment A.

**PURPOSE**

To provide for the public's health and safety in consideration of the treacherous and unsafe road conditions resulting from the recent storm activity.

**IMPLEMENTATION**

1. USFS Law Enforcement Officers will assist in implementation of the Order and to serve as liaison with Gila County Sheriff's Departments.
2. This Order will be effected by appropriate signs and closure notices as required by 36 CFR 261.50.
3. Violation of these prohibitions is punishable by a fine of not more than \$5,000 for individuals and \$10,000 for organizations, imprisonment for not more than six (6) months, or both. [16 USC 551, 18 USC 3571(b) (6), 18 USC 3581(b) (7)].

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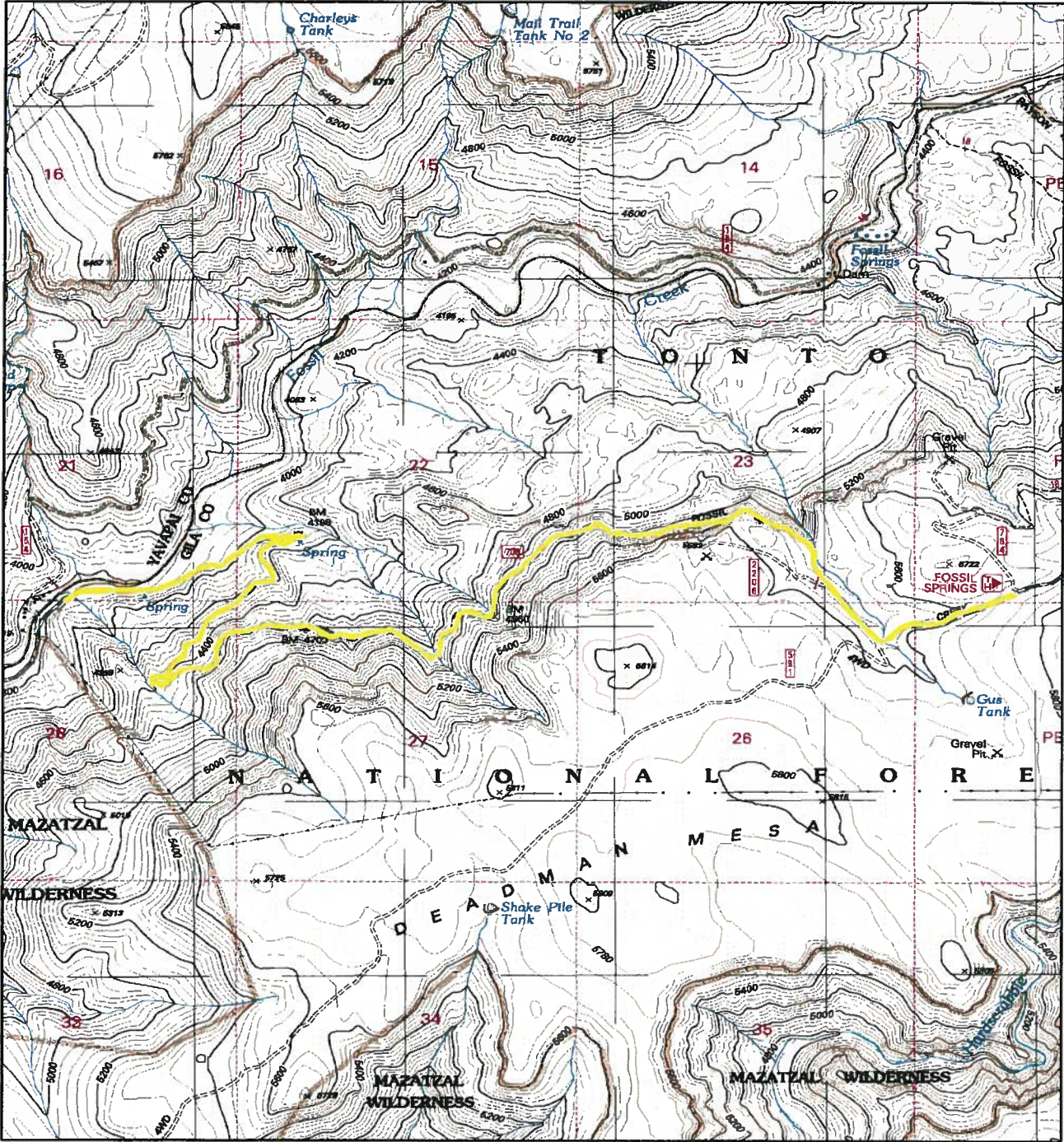
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Dated this 11<sup>TH</sup> day of JANUARY, 2011, at PHOENIX, Arizona.

*Gene Blankenbaker*

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Tonto National Forest**

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LEGEND

Road Closure